

NSC BRIEFING

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POLISH DEVELOPMENTS

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- I. [REDACTED] tensions in Poland are receding, largely due to improved food, consumer goods supply.
- A. Workers no longer expect miracles, are resigned to slow progress.
- B. Nevertheless, economic situation remains serious and is causing fluctuations in public morale. Raw materials are short, employment is down and inflation threatens.
1. Morale also affected by Soviet "presence"--a pall over all Poland.

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2. [REDACTED]

- II. Gomulka regime weakened by party disunity and strife.
- A. Gomulka has only small group of firm followers--others support him as matter of expediency, but are not in sympathy his views.
1. Gomulka has sharply reproved liberals for their criticism of Soviets and hasty reform demands, but does not plan severe disciplinary measures.
2. He also continues wooing of Stalinist "Natolin group" both in hope of gaining their support and of appeasing Moscow.
- B. Despite pressures from both sides, Gomulka has not deviated from his basic National Communist program.